

Incident Details Report
16Mar2006 00:00 through 15Apr2006 23:59

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Incident Date/Time: 15Apr2006 04:44

Type of Incident: GROUNDING

Location: BERGEN PT

Area-Sector:

Person Reporting Incident: CAPT JOHN BATES

Originator:

Hazardous Material Involved Y/N: N

Number of Personnel Injured:

Environmental Conditions: Winds: calm. Low tide. Ebb current.

Incident Description: THE M/V NEW DELHI EXPRESS RAN AGROUND AT BERGEN POINT DUE TO LOW VISIBILITY. THE M/V MAERSK GEORGIA WAS FORCED TO STEM TIDE IN THE KVK WHILE WAITING FOR THE GROUNDED VESSEL TO REFLOAT. A TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE KVK WAS INSTATED.

Remark:

Ship Name	Call Sign	Registry	Lloyds
NEW DELHI EXPRESS	VRBK5	HONG KONG, CHINA	9301770
MAERSK GEORGIA	WAHP	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	
VIVIAN L ROEHRIG	WS6547	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	

Party Involved	Address	Phone
LTJG Layman	WO	4088
OSC Molina	WS	4088
PO McClash	CH 14	4088

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0345: Visibility at the Bergen Point RNA starts to close in the Mariner's Harbor Camera. At this time the NEW DELHI EXPRESS was in bound on the Con Hook Range, the MAERSK GEORGIA was passing Bayridge Channel LB #2.

0350: Outbound Que Vessel, MSC ULSAN reports that there is 1.5 miles of visibility in the KVK while passing the KVK LB #10. The tug VIVIAN ROEHRIG, while transiting past Port Elizabeth Channel, reported that there is at least 1 mile of visibility in Newark Bay and that it seems to decrease in the vicinity of Shooters Island.

0353: CH 14 Operator, PO McClash transmits to the NEW DELHI EXPRESS that visibility decreases once you are west of the Bayonne Bridge in Newark Bay. At that time the pilot on board the NEW DELHI EXPRESS asks for clarification of what part of Newark Bay. At that time the VIVIAN ROEHRIG clarifies to the NEW DELHI EXPRESS that visibility is good at the piers in Newark Bay but drops significantly near Shooters Island.

0425: The NEW DELHI EXPRESS comes to a dead stop at Bergen Point and is heard broadcasting to the MAERSK GEORGIA (who was making her way past IMTT Bayonne) on Channel 13, that she needs to slow down.

0427: CH 14 Operator hails the NEW DELHI EXPRESS to ensure that the vessel is not in a dangerous situation. NEW DELHI EXPRESS reports that he will contact VTS NY via the landline.

0428: Captain John Bates, the pilot aboard the NEW DELHI EXPRESS contacted VTS NY via landline and reported that the vessel may have run aground at Bergen Point. He stated that the vessel is currently listing that he had three tugs alongside and was not in need of additional assistance at this time.

0430: CH 14 Operator confirmed with the vessel Maersk Georgia that he was aware of the status of the NEW DELHI EXPRESS and if he was in need of any additional assistance.

0436: VTS WO, LTJG Layman instated a closure of the KVK extending from Shooters Island to the Con Hook Range and briefed the SDO, LTJG Baxter.

0440: VTS WO briefed the VTS OPS Director, Mr. Mannion and the Chief of the SCC, CDR Camp.

0445: The MSC Zurich, an inbound ship destined for Port Elizabeth B70 is rerouted to drop the anchor in FA-25. All additional vessels bound for the KVK are informed of the temporary closure of Bergen Point RNA.

0500: Captain John Bates contacted VTS NY via landline and reported that the vessel may not be aground. The vessel let go its port anchor and has a 9 degree list to starboard.

0503: SDO reports that an NRC report was received from the NEW DELHI EXPRESS stating that the vessel was taking on water in it's fuel tanks.

0510: Captain of the NEW DELHI EXPRESS contacts VTS NY via landline and confirms that one of their empty port fuel tanks was in fact taking water but has now been stabilized.

0540: Assist tugs, Turecamo Boys and Turecamo Girls were contacted via landline to confirm that no visible pollution was in the water.

0545: CGC Penobscot Bay weighs anchor from off the Statue of Liberty destined for the KVK to help enforce the implemented Safety Zone.

0550: Mr. Gary from IMTT 5C contacts VTS NY via landline to confirm that the berth at hi facility is open and available if the MAERSK GEORGIA wishes to dock there. Captain Biagi, the pilot aboard the MAERSK GEORGIA stated at this time he does not wish to dock their but will consider it a possibility.

0645: Captain Weiner, now aboard the NEW DELHI EXPRESS states that the vessel is now afloat and destined for B86 Port Elizabeth.

0656: NEW DELHI EXPRESS checks out at B86.

Notified: SDO, OPS Director, CCCC, COTP